

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 31, 2006

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Resolution T-16996 implements D.05-12-013 adopting:

- the enrollment forms for the ULTS program;
- setting the effective date of GO 153 as of July 1, 2006; and
- a uniform customer notification to be used by utilities providing ULTS services informing consumers of the ULTS program changeover from self-certification to means-tested/income-documented requirement.

Draft Resolution T-16996 will be on the agenda of the California Commission March 2, 2006 meeting.

The above draft resolution is available at the Commission's web-site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/documents/index.htm>. On March 2, 2006, the Commission may vote on the resolution, or it may postpone a vote until later. When the Commission votes on a draft resolution, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend, or modify it, or set it aside and prepare a different resolution. Only when the Commission acts does a resolution become binding on the parties. The availability of the conformed resolution, when adopted by the Commission, is available at the same website.

Pursuant to Public Utilities (PU) Code 311 (g), the above-identified draft resolution is available for public comments. Comments should be focused on factual, legal, and/or technical errors in the draft resolution. Comments must be limited to five pages in length and shall include a subject index listing the recommendations to the draft resolution, a table of authorities, and an appendix setting forth the proposed revised findings and ordering paragraphs.

Service by E-Mail Only:

If you wish to be served by parties filing opening and reply comments, please provide the following information: name, company, address, e-mail address, and telephone number by clicking on "Resolution T-16996 Requesting Party Service List" at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/telco/public+programs/index.htm> between February 6 and February 9, 2006. On February 10, 2006, the link "Resolution T-16996 Requesting Party Service List" will be replaced by a comma-delimited file listing all requesting parties including the Telecommunications Division. Parties must e-mail a copy of their comments to each requesting party as set forth on the "Resolution T-16996 Requesting Party Service List".

Comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on February 15, 2006 (which is 15 days from the date of this mailing). Reply comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on February 20, 2006 (5 days after opening comments are submitted) and shall be limited to identifying misrepresentations of law, fact, or condition of the record contained in the comments of other parties. Replies shall not exceed five pages in length and shall be submitted and served in the same manner as opening comments.

Late-filed opening comments and/or reply comments will ordinarily be rejected. However, in extraordinary circumstances, a request for leave to submit comments or replies late may be filed together with proposed comments/replies. An accompanying declaration under penalty of perjury shall be submitted setting forth all the reasons for the late submission.

/s/ Jack Leutza, Director
Telecommunications Division

cc: All local telecommunications Carriers, parties on the service list of R.04-12-001 and members of the ULTS Administrative Committee

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by e-mail this day served a copy of the Notice of Availability informing all local telecommunications carriers, parties on the service list of R.04-12-001 and members of the ULTS Administrative Committee, of the availability of draft Resolution T-16996 at the Commission's web site: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/documents/index.htm>.

January 31, 2006 at San Francisco, California

/s/ Jean Nosaka

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